

**TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
(Under 37 CFR 1.97(d))

Docket No.  
P 0555.14107

In Re: Application Of: **Bradley R. Stager**

Application No.	Filing Date	Examiner	Customer No.	Group Art Unit	Confirmation No.
10/789,268	February 26, 2004	Bena Miller	30615	3725	9398

Title: **RING SLICER WITH EASILY REMOVABLE KNIFE AND KNIFE ASSEMBLY**

Address to:  
**Commissioner for Patents**

The Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith is being filed after the period specified in 37 CFR 1.97(c), and on or before payment of the issue fee, and is accompanied by the Statement as specified in 37 CFR 1.97(e) and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p).

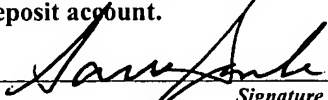
- ☐ A check in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ is attached. **(\$180 previously paid)**
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. 02-2451 as described below.
- ☐ Charge the amount of \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Credit any overpayment.
- ☒ Charge any additional fee required.
- ☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

**WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.**


**Certificate of Transmission by Facsimile\***

I certify that this document and authorization to charge deposit account is being facsimile transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (Fax no. _____) on  _____ (Date)  _____ Signature  _____ Typed or Printed Name of Person Signing Certificate
---

\*This certificate may only be used if paying by deposit account.

  
Signature  
**Garth Janke, Reg. No. 40,662**  
**BIRDWELL & JANKE, LLP**  
**1100 SW Sixth Avenue No. 1400**  
**Portland, Oregon 97204**  
**503-228-1841**

**Certificate of Mailing by First Class Mail**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to "Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450" [37 CFR 1.8(a)] on <u>September 8, 2006</u> (Date)  Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence <b>L.H. Rouske</b> Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Certificate
---

Dated: September 8, 2006

CC:



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
PATENT EXAMINING OPERATIONS

Applicants: Bradley R. Stager

Group Art Unit: 3725

Serial No.: 10/789,268

Examiner: Bena Miller

Filed: February 26, 2004

Docket No.: P 0555.14107

Title: RING SLICER WITH EASILY  
REMOVABLE KNIFE AND KNIFE  
ASSEMBLY

Confirmation No.: 9398

Certificate of Mailing

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail with adequate postage under 37 CFR 1.08 addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this 8 day of September 2006.

*L.H. Rouske*  
L.H. Rouske

BIRDWELL & JANKE, LLP  
1100 SW Sixth Avenue, Suite 1400  
Portland, Oregon 97204

September 8, 2006

**CONCISE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3)(i) and REMARKS**

Mail Stop: Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria VA 22313-1450

Greetings:

The following Concise Statement and Remarks accompanies the enclosed Information

Disclosure Statement.

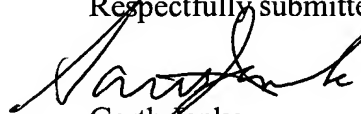
### Remarks

The non-English language references cited in the attached IDS were located by a foreign patent office in one or more corresponding foreign applications. The Search Reports citing the foreign language references are also enclosed and copies are provided. No translations have been obtained, so the Examiner is being provided all the information that is known to applicant(s).

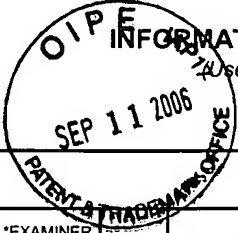
### Concise Statement

All that is understood about the relevance of these references is (a) what is stated in English in the Search Reports, and (b) what is shown in the drawing(s).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Garth Janke', is written over the printed name.

Garth Janke  
Reg. No. 40,662  
(503) 228-1841

 <p><b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION</b> (Use several sheets if necessary)</p>				ATTY DOCKET NO. <b>P 0555.14107</b>		APPLICATION NO. <b>10/789,268</b>		
				APPLICANT(S) <b>Bradley R. Stager</b>				
				FILING DATE <b>02-26-2004</b>		GROUP ART UNIT <b>3725</b>		
<b>U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>								
*EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE	
		3,865,164	02-1975	Sybertz, Hans				
		3,989,077	11-1976	Humbert, Manfred				
		4,139,034	02-1979	Chapman, Frederic F.				
		4,194,545	03-1980	Kostermeier				
		4,470,442	09-11-1984	Krautzberger, et al.				
<b>U.S. PATENT APPLICATION PUBLICATIONS</b>								
*EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE	
<b>FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>								
		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
							YES	NO
		EP 0 990 494 A	04-05-2000	EP (Dimetal)				✓
		EP 1 413 410 A	04-28-2004	EP (Key Knife)			✓	
		DE 76 09 913 U1	07-26-1976	Germany (Pallmann)				✓
		DE 199 17 645 A1	10-26-2000	Germany (Pallmann)				✓
		EP 1,568,453	04-13-05	EP (Stager)			✓	
<b>OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)</b>								
		European Search Report, European Patent Application No. EP 03 25 6191 (European Patent No. 1,413,310A granted 4-28-04) dated June 10, 2004, EPO Communication dated June 25, 2004.						
		European Search Report, European Patent Application No. EP 05002443.9 (European patent No. 1,413,310A granted 4-13-05) dated April 13, 2005, EO Communication dated April 29, 2005.						
<b>EXAMINER</b>				<b>DATE CONSIDERED</b>				

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

<b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION</b> <i>(Use several sheets if necessary)</i>	ATTY DOCKET NO. <b>P 0555.14107</b>	APPLICATION NO. <b>10/789,268</b>
	<b>Bradley R. Stager</b>	
	FILING <b>02-26-2004</b>	GROUP ART <b>3725</b>

**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

*EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	4,972,888	11-1990	Dean, Donald A.			
	5,217,424	06-08-1993	Pallmann			
	5,271,442	12-21-2003	Carpenter			
	6,757,952	07-06-2004	Stager			

**U.S. PATENT APPLICATION PUBLICATIONS**

*EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
					YES	NO
DE 11 99 477 B	08-26-1965	Germany (Condux-Werk)				✓
DE 35 17 236 A1	11-13-1986	Germany (Pallmann)				✓
DE 19 26 777	11-26-1970	Germany (Hombach)				✓
1,653,122	11-11-1971	Germany (Pallmann)				✓
1,214,862	04-21-1966	Germany (Pallmann)				✓

**OTHER DOCUMENTS** *(Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)*

			European Partial Search Report, European Patent Application No. EP 03 25 6191 (European Patent No. 1,413,310A granted 4-28-04) dated February 6, 2004 EPO Communication dated March 5, 2004.

<b>EXAMINER</b>	<b>DATE CONSIDERED</b>
-----------------	------------------------

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

<b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION</b> <i>(Use several sheets if necessary)</i>	ATTY DOCKET NO. <b>P 0555.14107</b>	APPLICATION NO. <b>10/789,268</b>
	<b>Bradley R. Stager</b>	
	FILING <b>02-26-2004</b>	GROUP ART <b>3725</b>

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
*EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
		5,444,904	08-29-1995	Kokko			
		5,456,300	10-10-1995	Rosencranz et al.			
		5,725,464	03-1998	Pallmann			
		5,816,303	10-06-1998	Shadeck et al.			
		5,979,522	11-09-1999	Swartwood et al.			

U.S. PATENT APPLICATION PUBLICATIONS							
*EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS								
		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
							YES	NO

OTHER DOCUMENTS <i>(Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)</i>

EXAMINER	DATE CONSIDERED
----------	-----------------

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

<b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION</b> <i>(Use several sheets if necessary)</i>	ATTY DOCKET NO. <b>P 0555.14107</b>	APPLICATION NO. <b>10/789,268</b>
	<b>Bradley R. Stager</b>	
	FILING <b>02-26-2004</b>	GROUP ART <b>3725</b>

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
*EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
		5,996,655	12-07-1999	Cramond et al.			
		6,058,989	05-09-2000	LaGrange et al.			
		6,554,032	04-29-2003	Pallman			
		6,561,885	05-13-2003	Loth			
		6,591,878	07-15-2003	Hinchliff			

U.S. PATENT APPLICATION PUBLICATIONS							
*EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS								
*EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
							YES	NO

OTHER DOCUMENTS <i>(Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)</i>

EXAMINER	DATE CONSIDERED
----------	-----------------

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

<b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION</b> <i>(Use several sheets if necessary)</i>	ATTY DOCKET NO. <b>P 0555.14107</b>	APPLICATION NO. <b>10/789,268</b>
	<b>Bradley R. Stager</b>	
	FILING <b>02-26-2004</b>	GROUP ART <b>3725</b>

**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

*EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	4,135,563	01-23-1979	Maucher			
	5,348,064	09-20-1994	Nettles, et al.			

**U.S. PATENT APPLICATION PUBLICATIONS**

*EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
					YES	NO

**OTHER DOCUMENTS** *(Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)*


<b>EXAMINER</b>	<b>DATE CONSIDERED</b>
-----------------	------------------------

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.